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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated December 19, 2005 in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of three months, from March 19, 2006 to June 19, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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